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Saturday we were pretty tired and stayed around the house.

The warm weather was returning by then and the high was 93 degrees. I spent a lot of time on the computer exercising my new 20 Megabyte hard disk which has eliminated the need for floppy

diskettes and speeded up operations considerably. I am studying a new language, Prolog, which is based on the rules of logic and has been called, "the language of artificial intelligence."

Sunday morning we drove down to Springfield and played tennis with a co-worker, Mike Driscoll, and a friend of his. I hadn't played for a couple of years but Vickie has played a few times recently so we did o.k. Afterwards we had brunch at Mike's house. He made Mimosas (orange juice and champagne) and bought bagels while we provided banana bread which I had baked on Saturday. It was even warmer, the high was 97 degrees.

This morning it was already 85 degrees when I went out jogging at 6 a.m. I went over to the University at noon and it was very warm but with a pretty good breeze. I am planning to bike home from the office as Vickie is playing tennis.

Right now we don't have any travel plans but do look forward to seeing you later in the summer.

Love,

Jim & Vickie